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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, TRS ~~A~~ ~~L~~

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SUBJECT: OPC/OSO Training Programs

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1. [] of OPC has completed the FSI State Course, the OSO Basic Orientation Course, and, on 24 December 1948, will complete the OSO Basic Intelligence Course. OPC has requested that she be enrolled in the Advanced Intelligence Course (AIC) which begins on the 10th of January. I recommend that [] admission to the AIC be postponed until such time as TRS has definite written instructions from OSO officials.

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2. This problem raises a question which will require a policy decision, namely: Should OPC personnel be permitted to take OSO/TRS courses, particularly the various advanced intelligence courses?

3. By attendance at AIC classes OPC personnel will: (a) acquire definite and specific information about OSO practices and procedures, and (b) be able to identify, and in some cases develop friendships, with many important Washington staff and field personnel of OSO. Since OSO has no control over OPC personnel, OPC personnel are at liberty to do what they please in respect to any knowledge and information which they pick up in our classes. They may, at a future date but quite inadvertently (as a result of knowledge picked up in OSO/TRS courses, particularly the AIC) blow some of our operations sky high.

4. There are many other considerations in respect to OPC/OSO training relationships which should be straightened out. They affect not only OSO but CIA security and prestige.

5. I therefore strongly suggest that as soon as possible arrangements be made with COPS and ADSO for all of us to meet with Admiral Hillenkoetter so that you and I can present our points of view on this extremely delicate but very important matter.

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